



Friendship Mennonite Church

Changing Lives Through Jesus Christ

December 26, 2010

*In our time, sorrow and longing are avoided or denied,
especially in the holiday season.*

*God calls us to name our joy and our pain,
and frees us to praise God while
lamenting the suffering of God's people.*

Gathering

Welcome and Announcements

Congregational Song

Bell, Silence

Lighting of Advent Candle

& Worship Dance by Marissa, Michelle & Mia Fair

Gathering Words and Prayer

Praising

Congregational Singing

Scripture: Isaiah 9:6-7

Offering and Penny Power Offering

Hearing the Word

Bell

Scripture: Matthew 2

Bell, Silence

Sermon: "Trusting Baby Jesus" Nan Kanagy

Responding and Sending

Responding to Jesus with Watercolor

Congregational Sharing & Prayer

Sending Song



Announcements

- **We joyfully welcome all visitors among us today!** Whether you are visiting friends or family, or just dropping by to worship and check out who we are, we welcome you! We are a group of people that calls each other family, brothers and sisters in Christ. There are visitor packets available from an usher so that you can get us know us better. We hope you return and feel welcome on this journey we are on together towards God's love.
- **This morning we will collect the Penny Power Offering.** This offering is given to Mennonite Central Committee to be used for projects of peace, relief and development around the world, including to help dig clean water wells in other countries.
- **Small Groups** meet in the homes of members once a month. If you are interested in joining a small group or learning more, please contact Cara Speros at secretary@friendmc.org.
- **Love Fund:** The Love Fund is money set aside to help our friends and neighbors with urgent and emergency needs. If you can help with this fund, please designate it in the offering.
- **If you would like a box of offering envelopes for 2011,** please see Joe Kotva.
- **If you have an item for the monthly calendar,** please let Cara Speros know by Wednesday, December 29.
- **Office Hours** Pastors Kevin and Nan want to be available at all times for the congregation. Please give them a call at the church during office hours, or on Kevin's cell phone 440-591-4072 for the most immediate response. Kevin and Nan's joint office hours are Tuesdays from 9:30 to noon. Nan works all day Wednesday and is in the office the majority of the day. Kevin is in the office most Thursday and Friday mornings. Their day off is Monday. You can reach the pastors by email at pastor@friendmc.org.
- **Additional Giving for last Sunday:** Youth Fund: \$124.00; MAMA Project: \$90.00.

Serving Our Church Today

Worship Leader: Dean Burden *Song Leader:* Jonathan Witmer-Rich
Piano: Rhonda Savage *Usher:* Melvin Honsaker
Sunday School Nursery: None *Greeter:* Melvin Honsaker
Sound: Jerry Ruff *PowerPoint:* None
Worship Nursery: Kayley Nickless & Karen Ruff

Serving Next Sunday

Usher: Chris Savage *Greeter:* Rudy Coblentz
Preaching: Kevin Kanagy *Sunday School Nursery:* Susan Brazalovics
Worship Nursery:

Looking Ahead

Tuesday, December 28 Sojourners Small Group 4:30 pm
Sunday, January 2 Finding Hope Small Group 7:00 pm
Sunday, January 9 Potluck after Worship
Sunday, January 23 Annual Church Life Budget Meeting 12:15

Giving for Last Sunday

Church Offering: Weekly Budget:
\$1236.00 \$1371.00

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Congregational Counselor:

Secretary: Cara Speros (secretary@friendmc.org)

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Please pray...

If you have a prayer request or praise item that you would like shared in the bulletin, please let Cara Speros know, or email her at secretary@friendmc.org.

Christian Education

All attenders are encouraged to participate in our Christian Education hour on Sunday mornings from 9:30 to 10:30! Come to fellowship and learn from the Bible together in 2011.

Children and youth will be beginning a new series in their regular classrooms next Sunday, January 2. Preschool, grades K-5 and 6-12 will all meet upstairs with new teachers. Please pray for our children and teachers.

Adults will continue to study "Assuring Hope", scriptures from Isaiah and Mark this winter quarter. Please join teachers Amy Gingerich, Dean Burden, and Nan Kanagy in the fellowship hall as we continue on the Biblical journey together. Please bring your Bibles to class.

